# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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FACILITIES TO DISPLACED FAMILIES OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
BALIRAM

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) the total amount being spent on the displaced families of Jammu and Kashmir, as on date and the cash amount provided to each family;

(b) whether the said amount is enough in the opinion of the Government;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the corrective measures being taken in this direction;

(f) whether the Government are providing any facility to the displaced students and Government employees;

(g) if so, the details thereof;

(h) if not, whether there is any such proposal before the Government; and

(i) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS ( CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO )

(a): Relief is a State subject. Government of J&K is giving cash relief @ Rs.600/- per head per month subject to a maximum of Rs.2400/- per month per family plus basic dry ration @ 9 kgs of rice and two kgs of atta per person and one kg of sugar per family per month to 15078 needy migrant families at Jammu. Similarly, Government of NCT of Delhi is also giving cash relief at the same rates to 4100 needy migrant families living under their own arrangements and cash relief of Rs.450/- per head per month subject to a maximum of Rs.1800/- plus dry ration consisting of 8 kgs of rice, 2.5 kgs of atta, sugar, kerosene oil, etc. to 235 families living in camps. Other States are giving relief to migrants as per their own norms.

(b)to(e): The policy of the Government in respect of Kashmiri migrants is based on the premise that they would return to the Valley as soon as conditions reasonably conducive to their return can be created. Accordingly, their permanent rehabilitation outside the Valley is not envisaged. In such a situation, the thrust of the Policy has been to ensure that their difficulties and hardships are minimized and the needy families provided a reasonable amount of sustenance support. The last revision of cash relief rates for migrants at Jammu and Delhi has been effected from 1.4.1999 taking into consideration the increase in price index.

(f)to(i): For the displaced students, Government of J&K has opened 10 camp schools and three camp colleges. The University of Kashmir runs a Sub-Registry for migrant students in Jammu. The Campus Office of the University of Kashmir was upgraded and a Deputy Registrar and Deputy Controller of Examination, with requisite powers, were positioned. Classes are being held in the Campus of the Jammu University for Graduate and Post-Graduate students. The intake capacities of B.Ed. College in Jammu and Post-Graduate camp classes have been enhanced to adequately take care of migrant students. Camp classes of Regional Engineering College (REC) are also being run in Jammu for migrant students. Similarly, for the benefit of medical students, the seats, in Jammu Medical College have been increased from 75 to 100 to cater to the needs of the migrant students. Other State Governments, where Kashmiri migrants are residing, have also provided various educational facilities to the migrant students.

As regards migrant Central Government employees, special incentives like grant of transfer allowances and HRA to the employees who may like to move their families elsewhere in the State or outside have been given. Arrangements for accommodation and provision of safe transport and messing arrangements/allowance were also made for such employees. The special incentives/arrangements for the employees working in the Valley have been extended from time to time and are presently valid till 30.6.2003. As regards employees of the State Government who have migrated, general instructions have been issued for payment of salaries to them in Jammu and Delhi. Some of these employees have been adjusted against posts in the Jammu and Ladakh and the services of a few are being utilized in migrant schools/colleges. The State Government employees are also offered promotion subject to their joining the place of posting which due to administrative exigencies may be difficult in case of posts in the Valley. These offers are being kept open till they join the posting. Instructions have also been issued for payment of pension through designated officers in

Delhi and Jammu and other places to retired employees/pensioners. Wherever the pension is less than the amount of ex-gratia relief, the balance is being paid to them as relief.